Puyallup Tribe Child Support Program

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- 3. Parents of children who are enrolled or enrollable with the Tribe.
- 4. For enforcement, employees of the Tribe, its entities and businesses located on the reservation.
- Those who consent to the jurisdiction of the Court by participating in the proceeding unless participation is for the purpose of contesting jurisdiction.
- 6. Persons who are served a summons on the reservation.
- Those who engaged in sexual intercourse on the reservation during which a child who is the subject of the proceeding may have been conceived.
- Those who have a duty to and failed to support a child who: resides on the reservation, is a member of a Puyallup family, or received TANF assistance from the Tribe.

DCS Referrals Sent to the Tribe

The first phase of referrals sent to the Tribe includes existing DCS cases in Region 5, meeting one or more of the following conditions:

- 1. A Puyallup Tribal Court Order exists.
- 2. Establishment and/or enforcement case, where the NCP, CP or child is a Puyallup Tribal member, or the child is enrollable.
- 3. Enforcement cases where the NCP is a non-tribal member and works for the Tribe, Tribal enterprise or Indian-owned business on the reservation.
- 4. Other cases agreed to by the Region 5 Tribal Liaison and the Puyallup Tribe.
- 5. DCS Region 5 Tribal staff and Puyallup CSE will work together to determine the appropriate forum for other cases. They will consider case specific issues, including: location of the parties, location of the asset or income, tribal membership, current status of the case, employment history, best interest of the child(ren), etc.

Referral Checklist

- a) Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #1, DSHS 18-570.
- b) Notarized Uniform Support Petition, <u>DSHS 18-576</u>.
- c) Notarized **Registration Statement**, <u>DSHS 18-577</u>, completed and signed by the SEO for each existing order where DCS is requesting registration of the order for enforcement.
- d) One certified copy of all orders. Exception: Tribal Court orders of the same Tribe.
- e) One certified month by month debt calculation.
- f) Proof of income for both parties (if available).
- g) Other supporting documentation (as requested).
- h) In addition, on paternity establishment cases:
 - 1. General Testimony, DSHS 18-578.
 - 2. Affidavit of Support in Establishing Paternity, <u>DSHS 9-865</u>
 - 3. Paternity Affidavit (if one exists).

Actions the Tribe will take after Receiving a Child Support Transmittal

- 1. Puyallup CSE staff will process referrals from state IV-D agencies in the same manner as a case originating within their program.
- 2. On cases with foreign orders (orders other than those of the Tribe) referred to the Tribe for enforcement, Puyallup CSE staff will file a Request for Registration of a Foreign Order in Tribal Court. The purpose of registration is limited to the enforcement of Child Support provisions. If the Tribal Court registers the foreign order, program staff will proceed with enforcement procedures.
- 3. On non-assistance establishment cases, Puyallup CSE staff will request that the CP complete an application for services. If the CP completes an application for services, the Tribe will give DCS notice that the CP has requested Tribal IV-D services and request that DCS close their case.

Coop. Agreement with DCS

No formal agreements at this time.